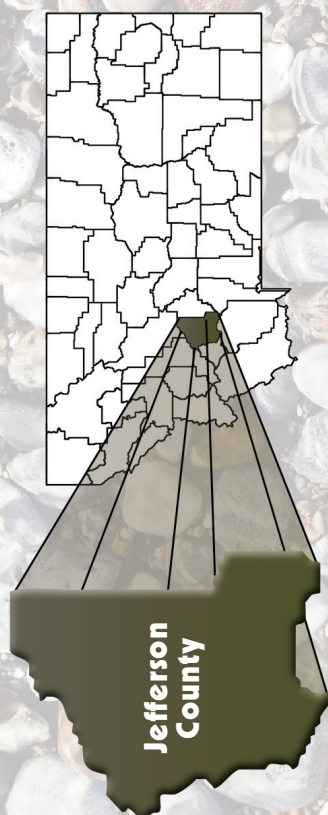




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## Demographic & Economic Information for

# Jefferson County



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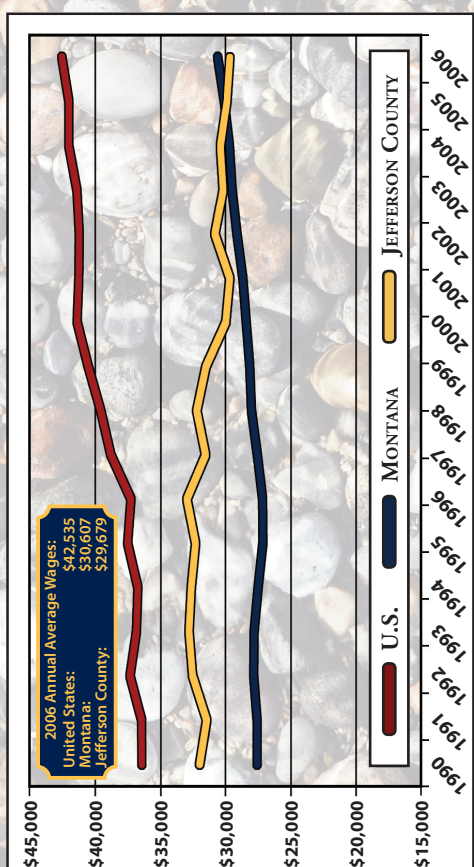
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## Annual Average Labor Force - Jefferson County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	5,728	5,538	190	3.3%
2005	5,559	5,350	209	3.8%
2004	5,479	5,256	223	4.1%
2003	5,391	5,173	218	4.0%
2002	5,336	5,105	231	4.3%
2001	5,369	5,137	232	4.3%
2000	5,375	5,123	252	4.7%

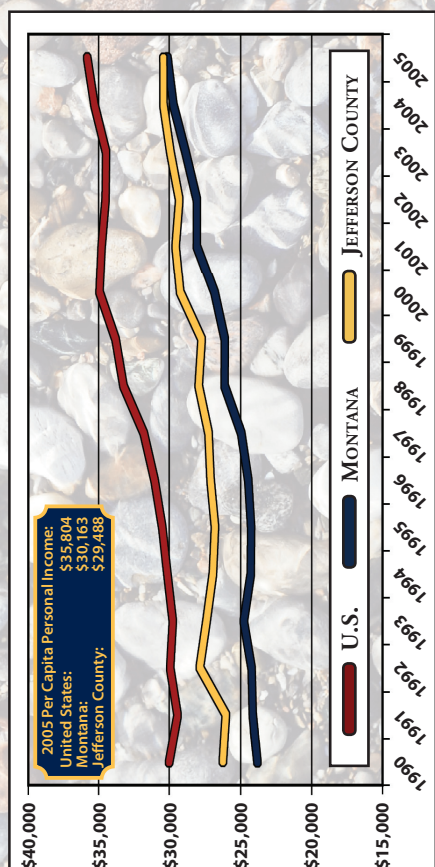
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Jefferson County is Montana's sixteenth most populous county, with an estimated 11,256 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Boulder, the county seat, is the state's forty-seventh largest town, with a population estimated at 1,445 in 2005.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Jefferson County include Basin, Clancy, Jefferson City, Montana City, and Whitehall.

Jefferson County is located between three major cities: Helena to the north, Butte to the southwest, and Bozeman to the southeast. The county's population has experienced recent growth fed by migration patterns favoring western Montana, and by the expansion of mining activity.<sup>2</sup>

Jefferson County is perhaps best known for its Health Mines, which have been featured in numerous national magazines including National Geographic and Life. Each year, thousands of visitors from all over the world journey to Boulder and Basin to visit one of five mines reputed to relieve pain from ailments such as arthritis, emphysema, bursitis, cataracts, and others. The mines' owners do not guarantee visitors will be cured, but many claim breathing the naturally occurring gas within the mines has greatly improved their health.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

<sup>2</sup>"Key Trends in the Jefferson County Area," <http://cmmw.org/read/Downloads/JeffersonA.pdf>

<sup>3</sup><http://jeffco.mt.gov/visitors/health.shtml>

## Resources for Jefferson County

### Chamber of Commerce

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Whitehall, MT 59759  
(406) 287-2260

### Economic Development

Jefferson Local  
Development Corporation  
P. O. Box 1079  
Whitehall, MT 59759  
Phone: (406) 287-3282  
Fax: (406) 287-3287  
E-mail: [tmaste@montana.edu](mailto:tmaste@montana.edu)  
[www.jldcmt.com](http://www.jldcmt.com)

### Newspaper

The Boulder Monitor &  
The Jefferson County Courier  
104 W. Centennial  
P. O. Box 66  
Boulder, MT 59632  
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E-mail: [janderson@jeffersoncountycourier.com](mailto:janderson@jeffersoncountycourier.com)  
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Whitehall Ledger  
P. O. Box L  
Whitehall, MT 59759  
Phone: (406) 287-5301

## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Telecommunications	2	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	2	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	10	46	\$43,041
Credit intermediation & related activity	3	33	\$26,646
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	3	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	4	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	6	14	\$15,360
Real estate	5	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	24	49	\$33,397
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	9	47	\$12,879
Administrative and support services	8	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	1	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3	6	\$25,137
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	21	201	\$17,890
Ambulatory health care services	9	64	\$18,957
Nursing and residential care facilities	5	78	\$18,573
Social assistance	7	59	\$15,837
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	8	20	\$13,553
Performing arts and spectator sports	2	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	4	16	\$13,223
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	31	221	\$7,491
Accommodation	6	42	\$6,383
Food services and drinking places	25	180	\$7,747
OTHER SERVICES	15	37	\$15,750
Repair and maintenance	5	14	\$21,529
Personal and laundry services	5	17	\$12,830
Membership associations & organizations	3	*	*
Private households	2	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	29	863	\$29,091
Local Government	12	400	\$26,217
State Government	8	412	\$30,449
Federal Government	9	50	\$40,857

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	294	2,455	\$29,683
TOTAL PRIVATE	265	1,592	\$30,004
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	11	36	\$27,408
Animal production	5	23	\$22,172
Forestry and logging	2	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	4	*	*
MINING	5	247	\$64,088
UTILITIES	3	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	57	219	\$28,730
Construction of buildings	19	64	\$24,947
Heavy and civil engineering construction	8	61	\$36,504
Specialty trade contractors	30	94	\$26,259
MANUFACTURING	11	128	\$51,860
Food manufacturing	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	4	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	19	51	\$47,022
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	7	24	\$33,664
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	7	22	\$57,047
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	4	5	\$66,719
RETAIL TRADE	19	170	\$14,035
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	5	12	\$23,315
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	5	44	\$20,011
Food and beverage stores	3	*	*
Gasoline stations	5	61	\$11,717
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	8	88	\$23,116
Truck transportation	5	58	\$30,387
Transit and ground passenger transport	2	*	*
Couriers and messengers	1	*	*
INFORMATION	6	9	\$20,970
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*

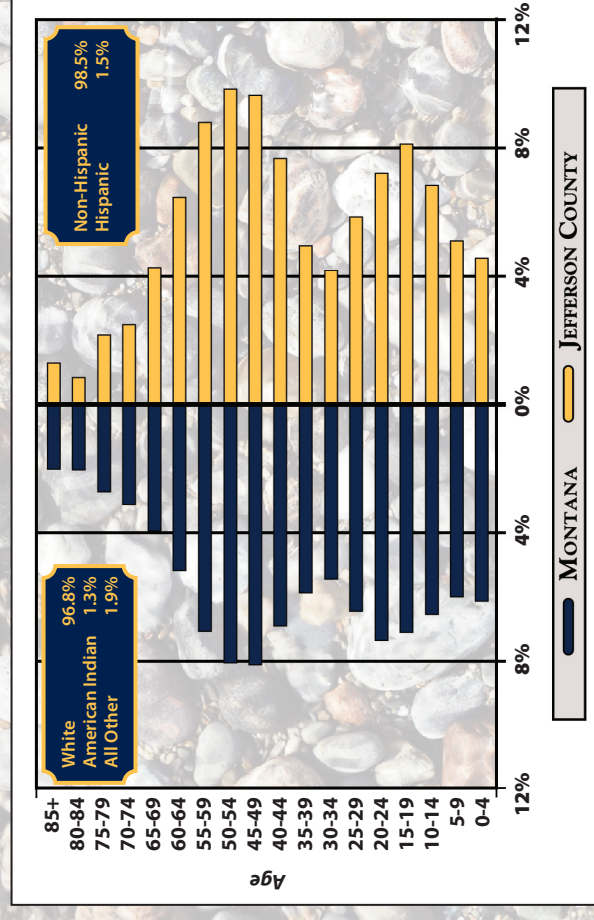
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)  
\* Data Not Disclosable

## Population for Jefferson County & Related Areas

		Population Estimates								Census
Geography	% Change 2000-2006	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	April 1, 2000	
Jefferson County	12.0%	11,256	11,136	10,863	10,550	10,415	10,221	10,085	10,049	
Boulder town	11.2%	1,445	1,432	1,399	1,361	1,345	1,322	1,305	1,300	
Whitehall town	11.6%	1,165	1,153	1,134	1,102	1,088	1,068	1,049	1,044	
Balance of Jefferson County	12.2%	8,646	8,551	8,330	8,087	7,982	7,831	7,731	7,705	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Jefferson County, 2006



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

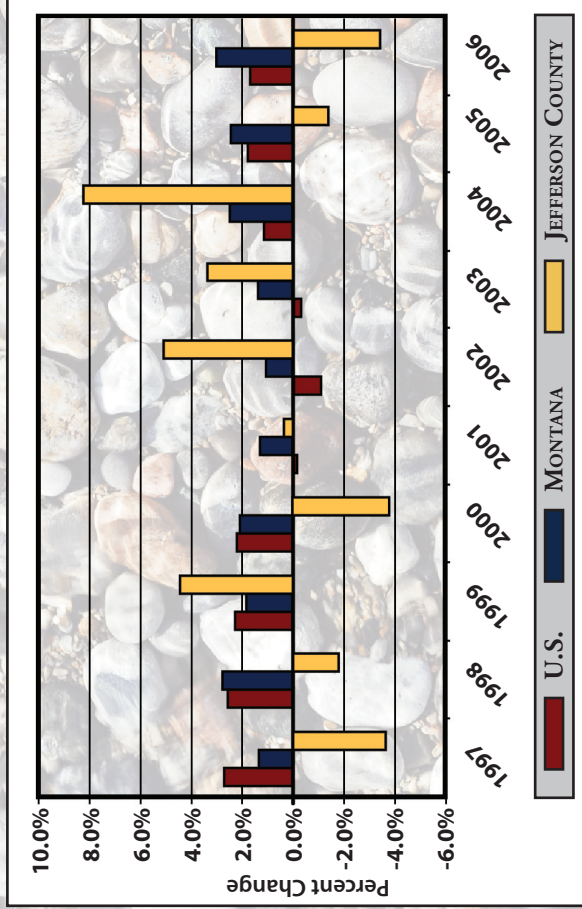
## Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Jefferson County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	9.8%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	31.2%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.1%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	6.2%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	18.7%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	5.9%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	2.3%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000



## Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Jefferson County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Top 15 Private Employers in Jefferson County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
A & W Restaurant	4	Jefferson IGA	4
Alternative Youth Adventures	5	Marks-Miller Post & Pole	4
Ash Grove Cement Company	5	Montana City Grill & Saloon	4
Big Sky Home Health Care	6	Montana Tunnels Mine	6
Boulder Hot Springs	4	Sussex Construction	4
Boyd Andrew Community Services	3	Town Pump	4
Elkhorn Health & Rehab, LLC	5	Wagner Nursery & Landscape	4
Golden Sunlight Mine	6		

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees, Class 2 = 5 to 19 employees, Class 1 = 1 to 9 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

## Agricultural Statistics - Jefferson County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	372
Land in farms (acres)	387,077
Average size of farms (acres)	1,041
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	308
1,000 acres or more	64
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	339
\$100,000 or more	33
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	342
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	30

### Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	23,366
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	751
Horses and ponies	1,786
Bison	34
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	(D)
Winter wheat for grain	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	(D)
Barley for grain	1,444
Oats for grain	178
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	23,090

### Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	180
Other	192
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	326
Not on farm operated	46
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	111
10 years or more	261
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	173
55 years and over	199
Average age of operators: (number)	55.1

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002  
(D) - Not Disclosable